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**ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF**  
**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA**  
**BUTTE DIVISION**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,</b>	<b>CR 16-23-BU-DLC-02</b>
<b>Plaintiff,</b>	
<b>vs.</b>	<b><u>UNITED STATES' NOTICE OF</u></b>
<b>MICHAEL JAMES MASON,</b>	<b><u>SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL</u></b>
<b>Defendant.</b>	

The United States, by and through Assistant U.S. Attorneys Tara J. Elliott and Joseph E. Thaggard, give notice that they are substituted as counsel of record for the United States in this matter in place of AUSA Brendan McCarthy for all

future proceedings. Mr. McCarthy has a conflict which prevents him from continuing as counsel for the government.

DATED this 7th day of March, 2017.

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